

I Claim As My Invention:

1. A method for assigning resources in a communications system, the method comprising the steps of:

making a first resource request by a second potential resource requestor to an
5 assignment device for an assignment of a resource;

determining, by access to an assignment rank information item, whether a first
potential resource requestor having a higher assignment rank than the second potential
resource requestor exists;

10 sending a first interrogation to be acknowledged, if the potential resource requestor
has a higher assignment rank than the second potential resource requestor, to the first
potential resource requestor;

determining if the first potential resource requestor acknowledges the first
interrogation without having requested a resource beforehand; and

15 assigning the resource to the second potential resource requestor if the first potential
resource requestor acknowledges the first interrogation without having requested a resource
beforehand.

2. A method for assignment resource in a communications system as claimed in
claim 1, the method further comprising the step of:

20 sending a least one first event message, prior to the step of assigning, from the
assignment device to at least one of the first and second potential resource requestors.

3. A method for assigning resources in a communications as claimed in claim
1, the method further comprising the step of:

directing a further resource request to the assignment device.

4. A method for assigning resources in a communications system as claimed in claim 2, wherein the assignment device sends the first event message to all potential resource requestors.

5. A method for assigning resources in a communications system as claimed in claim 2, wherein all potential resource requestors evaluate event messages one after the other.

6. A method for assigning resources in a communications system as claimed in claim 2, the method further comprising the step of:

assigning the resources to a switching device, wherein the event messages are exchanged via a CTI connection with the assignment device.

7. A system for assigning resources in a communication system, comprising;
an assignment device for assigning the resources to potential resource requestors;
means for sending messages to the potential resource requestors;
means for accessing an assignment information item of at least two of the potential resource requestors;

means for checking an assignment rank of a potential resource requestor wherein, if a resource request of a potential resource requestor having a higher assignment rank exists, an inquiry to be acknowledged is sent to the potential resource requestor having the higher assignment rank; and

means for checking, prior to arrival of the acknowledgement of the inquiry, whether a resource request is made by the potential resource requestor having the higher assignment rank and, only if no resource request is made by the potential resource requestor having a

higher assignment rank, an assignment is made of requested resources to the potential resource requestor having the lower assignment rank by the assignment device.

8. A system for assigning resources in a communications system as claimed in claim 7, further comprising:

5 a switching device connected to the assignment device via a connection with CTI interface, via which event messages are transmitted in the form of events, and in which the potential resource requestors are present as at least one of applications and service features.

9. A system for assigning resources in a communications system as claimed in claim 8, wherein the assignment device is a service-feature server of the switching device.

10 10. A system for assigning resources in a communications systems as claimed in claim 8, wherein processing means for successively processing the messages are present in the potential resource requestors.